



# MONTANA WIC RETAILER COORDINATOR NEWS

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## QUICK NOTES

We wish to introduce Carrie Reynolds, our new Retailer staff member. Carrie replaces Mandi Zanto, who left our office to spend more time with her children.

Carrie comes to us from Head Start. Carrie is well versed in a number of computer programs, and will be a great addition to the program and can be reached at 406 444-4746 or [creynolds@mt.gov](mailto:creynolds@mt.gov).

## INFORMATION TO SHARE?

Do you have information or suggestions you would like to share with other retailer coordinators? Send it to:

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## Food Package Changes

The new food package is coming and the changes to the approved food list are being worked on now.

The food package sub-committee is concentrating on adding the new food items to the list, instead of adding more of the current items. They are interested in any brands of the new food items you have available in your areas. They will need either the empty package or a copy of the label including the nutritional panel. Please send them to this office no later than December 15th, for review.

The new food items include: fresh fruits and vegetables; quarts of soy beverages containing a minimum of 8g protein, either shelf-stable or refrigerated; calcium-set tofu in either 8-oz or 16-oz packages; canned legumes in 16-oz cans; whole wheat/grain breads or rolls in 16-oz packages; and/or whole wheat/grain bread substitutes in 16-oz packages, including brown rice, whole-grain barley (not pearl), soft corn or whole wheat tortillas. The bread products must contain at least 51% whole wheat/grain.



## Unauthorized Food Purchase

The state office is receiving complaints from retailers saying that participants are trying to purchase non-authorized foods, saying they were told by local WIC personnel the items have been approved for WIC purchase. Some participants are still trying to purchase organic milk and eggs. Only foods on the approved food list are authorized to be purchased with WIC checks. This is possible participant fraud.

If you should receive a fraud report concerning a participant doing this, please follow the procedure listed in the state plan. The first offense gets a written warning, and the second gets a three-month disqualification.

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